

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel apparatus claims 15-31 and add corresponding method claims 32-47.

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-31 (canceled)

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32. (New) A method comprising the step of utilizing cold plasma polymerization to create a layer of one or more cold plasma polymerized monomers bonded to at least a portion of one or more internal surfaces of an apparatus for dispensing a medicament, which surfaces come into contact with medicament during storage or dispensing,

- (a) wherein the apparatus is not a pressurized container of the medicament or a metering valve for a pressurized container, and
- (b) wherein the layer is not of a cold plasma polymerized siloxane or silazane.

33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the one or more monomers for cold plasma polymerization are selected from the group of materials comprising perfluoro-cyclohexane, perfluoro-hexane, tetrafluoroethylene, trifluoroethylene, vinylidene fluoride, vinylfluoride, fluoroethylene and fluoropropylene.

34. (New) A method comprising the step of utilizing cold plasma polymerization to create a layer of one or more cold plasma polymerized monomers bonded to at least a portion of one or more internal surfaces of an apparatus for dispensing a medicament, which surfaces come into contact with medicament during storage or dispensing,

- (a) wherein the layer is not of a cold plasma polymerized siloxane or silazane, and
- (b) wherein the layer is not of a cold plasma polymerized fluorinated hydrocarbon.

35. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein the apparatus includes a metering valve for use with a pressurized dispensing container, the valve comprising a valve stem co-axially slidable within a valve member, the valve member and valve stem defining an annular metering chamber, outer and inner annular seals operative between the respective outer and inner ends of the valve member and the valve stem to seal the annular metering chamber therebetween, where at least a portion of the metering valve includes the layer bonded to at least a portion of an internal surface of the metering chamber.

36. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein at least a portion of the surface of the valve member includes the layer bonded thereto.

37. (New) The method of claims 35, wherein at least a portion of the surface of the valve stem includes the layer bonded thereto.

38. (New) The method of claims 35, wherein at least a portion of the surface of the seals includes the layer bonded thereto.

39. (New) The method of claims 35, wherein the valve further comprises a valve body in which the valve member is located, the valve body including the layer bonded to at least a portion of a surface thereof.

40. (New) The method of claims 35, further comprising a gasket extending between sealing surfaces of the metering valve and a pressurized dispensing container, the gasket having the layer of plasma polymer bonded to at least a portion of a surface thereof.

41. (New) The method of claims 32 or 35, wherein the layer is of a cold plasma polymerized siloxane.

42. (New) The method of claims 32 or 34, wherein at least a portion of a the internal surface having the layer is defined by a portion of the apparatus that is made from a plastic polymer or synthetic rubber.

43. (New) The method of claims 32 or 34, wherein the apparatus comprises a housing adapted to receive a container for storing the medicament, a mouthpiece, and a duct connecting an outlet of the container with the mouthpiece.

44. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein at least a portion of an internal surface having the layer is within the duct.

45. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein at least a portion of an internal surface having the layer is within the mouthpiece.

46. (New) The method of claim 45, wherein at least a portion of an internal surface having the layer is within the duct.

47. (New) A method comprising the step of utilizing cold plasma polymerization to create a layer of one or more cold plasma polymerized monomers bonded to at least a portion of one or more internal surfaces of an apparatus for dispensing a medicament, which surfaces come into contact with medicament during storage or dispensing,

(a) wherein the apparatus is not a pressurized container of the medicament or a metering valve for a pressurized container,

(b) wherein the layer is not of a cold plasma polymerized siloxane or silazane, and

(c) wherein the layer is not of a cold plasma polymerized fluorinated hydrocarbon.

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